



## USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

September 29, 2021

**The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -3.80, down 1.5 points from last week.**

### This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs declines following a week of relatively limited feature activity by grocery retailers. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are steady with moderate offerings and fully adequate supplies. Demand is limited and movement is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are moving higher with moderate offerings and moderate to adequate supplies. Movement has slowed but interest is improving. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady on moderate supplies and offerings. Interest is good, schedules full-time, and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates increasing activity on conventional caged eggs with a decline in the average ad price.

### Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	320,795,863	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	1.8%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	<b>315,029,231</b>	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

### Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	82.0%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	258,422,167	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	81,471,343	(31.53% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	176,950,824	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	<b>491,530</b>	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

### Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

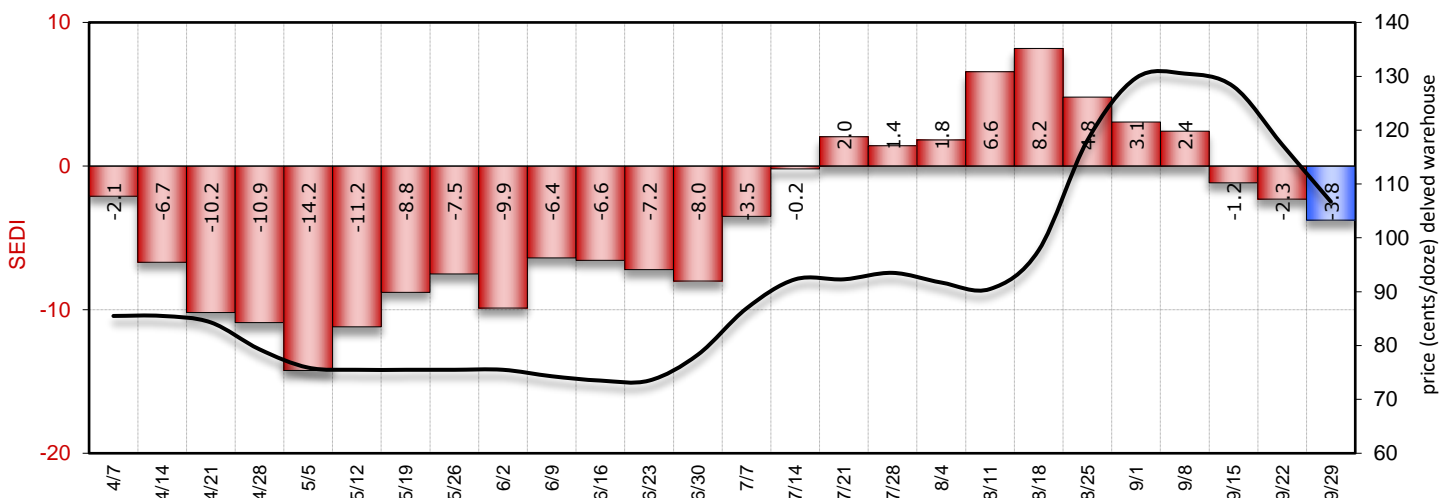
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,645,800	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	63.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	309,664	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%)) (774,160 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	5.11	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	<b>5.31</b>	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

### Shell Egg Demand Indicator

**-3.80** ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

### Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: [USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs \(pec-bb\); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type](#)  
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory \(Mon\)](#)  
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection \(Wed\)](#)

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